

WATER SUPPLY CONSIDERATION.

Commissioner Joseph F. MacKnight Says Rights ought to Be Attended To.

HE FILES HIS ANNUAL REPORT

Says Many of Titles Held by City Are Clouded by Erroneous Tax Sales And Levies.

The annual report of Land and Water Commissioner Joseph F. MacKnight was filed yesterday afternoon, with the mayor, and includes recommendations which will probably be given careful consideration by his honor, especially with reference to the water supply. The commissioner calls the mayor's attention to the action of the last administration in having appropriated \$300,000 for a Parley's canyon reservoir without having first secured to the city the surplus and primary water rights to the waters of Parley's canyon and Mountain Dell streams, intended for conservation.

The report shows the total cost of maintenance of the land and water department for 1903 as \$7,516.91, with receipts, credits and inventory amounting to \$1,925.13, or as net cost of maintenance, \$5,591.78. The total value of real property and improvements owned by Salt Lake City corporation is given as \$1,340,310.06, the real estate proper at \$709,425.03 and the improvements at \$630,884.03. The city's real estate possessions include fire departments, half interest in city and county building, stores, barns and shops, public parks, watersheds, canal lands, isolation hospital, sewer farms, vacant city lots and lands in Summit, Utah and Morgan counties.

CLOUDED TITLES.
The commissioner reports that many of the titles held by the city are clouded by erroneous tax sales and levies and there are cases of occupancy of city lands by persons holding undisputed possession from eight to 15 years. The commissioner further says "A most flagrant case is the Soderberg ranches, consisting of 329 acres and improvements in Emigration canyon, wherein the city paid \$4,500 for the possessory rights of the occupants, which rights expired immediately upon the occupants removing from the premises, but so far as I am able to ascertain, the city made no effort to perfect its title and the whole property was lost." So a systematic compilation of the records is advised and an ordinance requiring "the parties selling real estate to the city to furnish an abstract of title before receiving payment." He shows that the city holds considerable property under tax titles, which must be perfected to save the city further loss.

PROPERTY OWNED BY CITY.
Following is a schedule of real property values and improvements thereon, owned by the city corporation:

	Real Estate.	Improvements.
Fire departments		
1, 2, and 3, jail and old city hall	\$9,420.00	\$75,500.00
Half interest city and county building and pest house	52,000.00	405,126.96
Stores, houses, barns, shops, etc.	11,712.43	29,327.85
Public parks	352,500.00	20,829.22
Watersheds, etc.	187,937.95	7,390.00
Canal lands (not complete)	15,467.65	
Isolation hospital and pump	1,850.00	18,800.00
Totals	\$632,888.03	\$630,884.03
Value of city real property and improvements held as private property:		
Sewer farm (in Salt Lake County)	\$ 624.85	
Sewer farm (in Davis County)	18,996.70	
Paris lots 10 and 11, 5-acre plat A	3,937.50	
Lots in plat A		
D, E, F, J and K, city	48,050.02	
Lands in Summit County	1,749.21	
Lands in Utah County	2,447.96	
Lands in Morgan County	790.75	
Total	\$ 76,637.00	
Total value real estate	\$709,425.03	
Total value improvements		\$630,884.03

WATER RESOURCES.
In the matter of increasing the city's water resources, the commissioner has to say:

The most substantially promising one of these appears to be the Big Cottonwood water. If the city could acquire one-half of the Big Cottonwood stream (which would be nearly double the amount now obtained from all sources), the 50 per cent acquired could be increased at least 25 per cent in addition by the storage of the early season's waste water, which amounts to nearly 25 per cent of the entire stream, thus giving the city, free of charge, practically 25 per cent of the Cottonwood water. This is a tangible proposition, and does not necessitate the expenditure of a large amount of money, without a visible benefit, measurable with the outlay.

This water may be partly acquired by the exchange of Utah lake water as part of the consideration, as the city does not use its entire portion of the water from the Jordan river, as apportioned by the decree of the court, and partly by purchase of lands with water rights in the Big Cottonwood stream. But the exchange of water, under existing conditions, has not proven satisfactory in the past, owing to the difference in the quality of the water, which the city has to exchange, and the exaction of unreasonable differences by the parties making the exchange. I believe that the procurement of these water rights by direct purchase is the only means promising fairness to the city.

REDUCING UTAH LAKE.

The commissioner says: "It seems to me a dangerous plan, depending upon the delivery of Utah lake water, through the Jordan and Salt Lake City canal, for the continuity of its right to practically all of the Parley's canyon stream and taking out water from the lake by operation of pumps, beyond its natural supply, thus continually lowering the lake, for the city to build reservoirs, or to spend any money at all, without first having secured itself in the matter to at least a reasonable degree." "Reducing the Utah lake waters on the one hand and conserving the wa-

ters of Parley's canyon on the other, under present conditions, would seem to be diametrically opposite to the interest which the city has in both of these water sources. For to lower the lake will naturally reduce the city's portion of the waters there, and if the city failed to supply the amount of water determined to be the nominal flow of Parley's creek, through its canal, the inevitable result would be the forfeiture of its rights to the 315 per cent of the Parley's water.

Moreover, if the reservoir is constructed before the water rights are purchased, the city will be subjected to the exaction of unreasonable and exorbitant prices, and would be compelled to submit to the extortion to obtain the water necessary for its reservoir."

In closing Commissioner MacKnight states that the percolation system in operation on the ranches owned by the city in Mountain Dell and Parley's canyon have proven successful in preserving the water of Parley's creek. He advises the protection of the city's water sheds and stringent ordinances to prevent fouling the water.

TO CURE A COLD IN 1 DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. Groves' signature on box. 25c.

POLICE REPORT.

Annual Statement Filed Today Shows Nearly 3,500 Arrests for Year

Chief of Police W. J. Lynch this morning filed the annual report of the police and prison department for the year 1903 with Mayor Morris. The report shows that the expense of maintaining the police department was \$42,337.53, as compared to \$36,152.75 for the year 1902. The expense of maintaining the prison for the year was \$7,434.54. There were 40 members of the department during the year, including the chief, detectives, patrolmen, jailer and matron. The total number of arrests made was 3,478, of which number 2,539 were male and 939 females.

Following is a statement of the expenditures of the police and prison departments and also the receipts of fines and forfeitures during the year:

DISBURSEMENTS.

Regular payrolls	\$38,974.24
Special payrolls	242.50
General expenses	2,020.78
Total	\$41,237.52
Credit by fines, etc.	\$20,802.95

Net cost of operating, \$20,434.57
Expense of maintaining prison, \$7,434.54
Total cost, \$27,869.11

An itemized statement of the work of the department follows:

Arrests during year	3,478
Prisoners by mayor's order	56
Prisoners in jail Dec. 31	29
Trips by patrol wagon	1,359
Miles traveled by the wagon	1,383
Meals furnished in jail	26,802
Lost children brought to headquarters	22
Lodgers	158
Total number in care and custody	3,538

Following is a statement showing the disposition of the cases of persons arrested by the department:

Convicted	1,908
Sentence suspended	234
State cases	187
Dismissed and discharged	1,042
Pending	1,042
Total	3,478

Amusements

"Maloney's Wedding" was the cause of much hearty laughter at the Grand last night. Though there is nothing particularly striking or original about the play, yet the plot is amusing and the comic parts are well sustained. The musical numbers were nearly all old friends, but they proved none the less acceptable. By far the cleverest item was Miss Laura Pierpont's imitation of Anna Held's singing of the "Maiden With the Dreamy Eyes," while her rendering of "On a Saturday Night" earned rounds of applause and encores. Lew Nelson as Dan Maloney was very amusing; another Irish part, that of Mrs. Clancy being taken by Nettie Fillmore in a way that earned much laughter and applause. Maud Sutton was very good as a boarding school girl. Clancy and James Bowen are laughable comedians and gained much favor in a song and dance act. Harry Fantette was weak and too automatic, but the other parts were capably filled. The play was moderately well attended and should prove popular during the rest of its stay here, which lasts till Wednesday night.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. W. W. Flagg entertained at a delightful tea this afternoon in honor of Mrs. Jack Jevne.

Tonight the musicale and reception to be given by Mrs. L. C. Miller and Miss Olive Jennings will take place at the First Congregational church.

Mrs. Le Grand Young and Miss Young will entertain at luncheon on Friday in honor of Miss Jane Mackintosh.

Mrs. George M. Downey and Miss Gertrude McClintock arrived today from Denver.

Miss Lawson will entertain the East Side Card club tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Young left today in Mr. Young's private car for a trip to Mexico taking with them a party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. William Lehnart, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Pearson and Mrs. Kenneth Kerr.

Mr. C. F. Downey will arrive from Denver shortly to spend a few days in the city.

Miss Cora Snyder will spend a week in Park City as the guest of Mrs. A. H. Weeter and Mrs. Le Compe.

Tonight

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THOMAS M'KEAN IS DISCHARGED.

Man Who Killed C. A. Westerman in a Quarrel Last August Goes Free.

CASE AGAINST HIM DISMISSED.

Important Witness is Missing. Consequently District Attorney Moved That Prisoner be Turned Loose.

Upon motion of Dist. Atty. Elchnor, Judge Morse this morning dismissed the case of the State vs. Thomas M'Kean charged with involuntary manslaughter for the reason that an important witness in the case is missing and cannot be located, and without his evidence the prosecution would be unable to convict defendant. M'Kean, who has been held in jail since being bound over to the district court on Dec. 15, 1903, was ordered discharged from custody.

On Aug. 6, 1903, M'Kean became involved in a quarrel with C. A. Westerman in front of the Return saloon on east First South street, and struck the latter a blow with his fist and knocked him to the pavement. Westerman's head struck on the sidewalk with such force that concussion of the brain resulted and he died shortly after the assault. M'Kean was charged with murder in the second degree, but upon his preliminary hearing he was bound over on the charge of involuntary manslaughter. No information was filed against him by the district attorney in the district court for the reasons stated above. By Mr. Elchnor in asking the dismissal of the case. Upon the statement made by Mr. Elchnor the court ordered the case dismissed and the defendant discharged from custody.

SUES THE RAILWAY.

Special Administrator Lowry Asks for \$20,000 Damages.

Charles A. Lowry, special administrator of the estate of Atkinson Whitworth, deceased, has filed suit in the district court against the Consolidated Railway & Power company to recover \$20,000 damages for the death of Mr. Whitworth, who was killed by one of defendant's cars on the night of Oct. 14, 1903, at the corner of Second and 200 South Temple streets. Whitworth was driving across the tracks in a wagon when a car struck his vehicle and threw him to the ground killing him instantly.

TWO DAMAGE SUITS.

Federal Court Actions to Recover \$75,000 for Personal Injuries.

Luis Scarpelle, Italian, 43 years of age, filed a suit for \$25,000 damages against the Southern Pacific company, claiming that he was injured by one of the company's cars on the night of Feb. 27, 1903, at the corner of Second and 200 South Temple streets. The plaintiff claims that he was driving across the tracks in a wagon when a car struck his vehicle and threw him to the ground killing him instantly.

The case of Don Farnsworth vs. the Union Pacific Coal company has been removed from Summit county to the United States court. The plaintiff sues for \$50,000 for injuries sustained in the company's mine because of the failure of a beam that supported a large piece of coal.

SUIT FOR OVERTIME.

State Board of Corrections File Answer in Schettler Case.

The State of Utah and the board of corrections are holding their annual meetings today. The stockholders of the Deseret National bank re-elected these directors: J. R. Barnes, J. C. Curtis, W. H. McIntyre, David Eccles, W. H. Ritter, George Romney, James Sharp, John R. Winder, Moses Thatcher, Reed Smoot. The directors meet next Tuesday to choose officers. The result of the election at the Utah National bank will be known at 5 p. m., and the result at the National Bank of the Republic will be announced about the same time. The meeting this afternoon of the Deseret National stockholders includes action on the proposition to amend the articles of incorporation relative to the number of directors.

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T. H. CLARK BANKRUPT.

Salt Lake Miner Goes to the Wall for \$18,900.

John Henry Clark, a miner residing in Salt Lake, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, setting forth liabilities of \$18,900, and practically no assets. The largest creditors are James Malloy, promissory note, \$5,000; W. S. McCormick, \$2,200; James Sampson, \$2,000; and S. M. Whittemore, \$1,500.

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TRIAL OF ROSE.

Upon Request of Attorneys for Defense Date Changed to Feb. 23.

Judge Morse this morning changed the date of the trial of Frank Rose, charged with murdering his wife, from Tuesday, Feb. 2, the date agreed upon yesterday, to Tuesday, Feb. 23. The change was made upon request of Atty. Christensen and Straup, who were appointed by the court to defend Rose. Dist. Atty. Elchnor consented to the change provided there would be no further postponement of the case. Atty. Christensen stated this morning that probably the only defense which would be interposed in Rose's behalf would be a plea of insanity. Should it be proven that he was in his right mind when the crime was committed, then the only verdict which can possibly be returned is that of guilty as charged in the information.

MINERS PLEASE WAKE UP.

Fair Commissioner is Clamoring for Representative Exhibit for Utah.

Director General Whitaker wishes that the mining men who are to provide mineral exhibits for the world's fair at St. Louis, would hurry up and do something. Little or nothing has been received from Tintic, Mercur, Silver City of Mammoth, which are among the most important mining centers in the west. Mr. Whitaker will have to close up his shipments shortly, and if the mineral display intended to illustrate the resources of this state fails of materialization, there will be disappointment. The coal companies have come to time in commendable style, to the gratification of the director.

BUSINESS NOTES.

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COMPOUNDS PROVE TO BE A FAILURE.

Believe That Big Baldwins on Entire Harriman System are To Be Changed.

SINGLE CYLINDERS ORDERED.

Big Locomotives Are to Be Made Over Into Simple Engines—Southern Pacific Gives First Order.

For some time past there have been rumors on the Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line and the Southern Pacific to the effect that the big Baldwin compound engines have been to all intents and purposes a failure. Several have blown up under the pressure and there has been so much trouble with the water that there has been talk of installing plants at various points where the water is bad, for the purpose of chemically treating it before it flows into the tanks that supply the engines. Owing to the matter held in solution the tubes become quickly clogged.

In the face of reports that have been sent in from all over the system involved it is asserted that President Harriman has given instructions to the purchasing departments to countermand all outstanding orders for Baldwin compounds.

Under an order issued to H. J. Small, superintendent of the motive power department of the Southern Pacific, all the Baldwins now in use on the Southern Pacific are to be changed from compound to single locomotives. The work will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,700 per engine. The company is now purchasing the new cylinders from the Baldwin company at a cost of \$700 a pair.

As previously announced the entire Harriman system is to be standardized in every particular it is a foregone conclusion that this order will hold good on the Short Line, Union Pacific and the Chicago & Alton.

NESLEN'S LATEST.

Tells of Woman Who Thought She Was in Heaven While on Burlington.

General Agent Neslen was born and reared in Utah; he is one of the shining examples of what an energetic young man can accomplish. That he should tell such experiences as the following, however, is a matter of sincere regret to his many friends and competitors—especially the latter:

"The great Burlington Route, in taking passengers from Chicago to Omaha, Denver, Utah, the Black Hills and Billings, Mont., show passengers in Omaha—what?"

"Why, the finest marble, bronze, onyx and mosaic depot on the continent."

"This depot is a dream of beauty inside and as fine as the Forum Romanum outside."

"The only trouble about this depot is that the passengers, when they first behold its magnificence, become dazed. They become dazed and sometimes get onto the wrong train for Chicago and Kansas City when they want to go to Denver, Salt Lake or Portland, Or."

"The other day an old lady from Missouri saw the depot for the first time. She stood transfixed. She seemed hypnotized."

"Are you asleep or have you taken opium?" I asked a passenger.

"No, no, I'm all right, laughed the old lady.

"Where are you?"

"In heaven."

"O, such beautiful cars—a moving dining room with golden letters on it—Burlington and—"

"Don't wake her up—don't!" cried a stranger kindly. The voice was from the quivering lips of General Passenger Agent Francis.

"She has just come in from Chicago on our super limited and the new departure of the trains and the new depot here have hypnotized her. Our beautiful trains often act that way on them. Let her sweet dream go on. Poor thing, she isn't used to it. Let her enjoy it. Don't wake her up. She'll wake up all right when she goes back on some other railroad."

Then Neslen had to run, because Walker, Drake, Williams and the "Buzz-Saw" man became very tropical in their remarks.

GOULD-PENNA SQUABBLE.

Negotiations for a Settlement Are Now Said to Be Under Way.

New York, Jan. 12.—Negotiations for a settlement of the Gould-Pennsylvania railroad dispute, which has been the chopping down of the Western Union Telegraph poles along the Pennsylvania railroad lines, have, according to the Herald, been resumed, and it is said a common ground has been found which will lead to the settlement of the differences which are alleged to have primarily grown out of the Gould plans to reach the Atlantic seaboard.

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MINISTER CONGER IS URGENT.

Wants a Telegraphic Copy of Treaty Sent So Ratification Can be Hastened.

Peking, Jan. 1